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INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) is offering ten (10) archival assessment grants to institutions and organizations in Indiana to determine and prioritize collection needs. The grants are designed to have experts in climate control, and archival documents evaluate conditions in Indiana-based organizations to safeguard their collections. Each grantee is eligible for up to \$1,500 and will be expected to provide a cash or in-kind match of at least \$500.

Applicants must be an Indiana-based organization; care for, and have custody of paper collections; and ensure that the individual conducting the assessment is a professional from the State of Indiana.

Applications are due to the SHRAB no later than **May 14, 2010**. Grantees will be named June 15, 2010. The applications are available on line at shrab.in.gov.

"This begins a long overdue process of stabilizing and providing access to some of Indiana's most significant records and our state's history," said Jim Corridan, Chair of the SHRAB and Indiana's State Archivist. "We look forward to the results of these first assessments so that institutions can begin correcting any deficiencies that may be reducing the longevity of Indiana's historical records."

The State Historic Records Advisory Board was established in February of 2006 by Governor Mitch Daniels. It is charged with being the central advisory body for historical records planning and preservation in Indiana, the SHRAB works with the Commission on Public Records and repositories throughout the state to accomplish its task.

For more information, please visit shrab.in.gov or contact the SHRAB at shrab@icpr.in.gov.